

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD DIVISION**

NAVIGATORS INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 3:19-cv-156-DMB-JMV

**THUNDER CONSTRUCTION
CORPORATION and
MICHAEL SKINNER, individually,**

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The plaintiff, Navigators Insurance Company's ("Navigators") Motion for Service by Publication [Doc. #14] having been read and considered, and for good cause shown, the court finds that service by publication is appropriate.

Rule 4(e)(1) authorizes service by publication pursuant to Rule 4(c)(4) of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, which permits service by publication only after a "diligent inquiry" reveals an inability to serve a defendant personally. "There is no bright line rule as to how many efforts must be made by a plaintiff to locate a named defendant to satisfy the requirement of diligent inquiry[,] but the quantity and quality of a plaintiff's efforts to serve a defendant personally must be taken into consideration." *Skinner v. Bordages*, No. 1:13CV314-HSO-RHW, 2014 WL 7339032, at *2 (S.D. Miss. Dec. 22, 2014) (citation omitted).

In the instant case, Plaintiff's motion and accompanying affidavit establish that responsible and repeated efforts have been made to personally serve the defendants to no avail.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Navigators's Motion is granted and that service of process upon Defendants Thunder Construction Corporation and Michael Skinner, individually, be made by the publication of summonses.

SO ORDERED this 6th day of December, 2019.

/s/ Jane M. Virden
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE